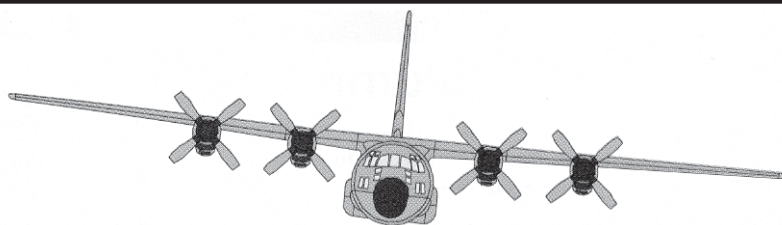


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The Faces of Niagara



Commanders Column

By Col. Merle (Mad Dog) Hart

Commander, 914 OG

Thank you 914th!!

What a wonderful adventure! I was so very fortunate to serve here and so many great memories are locked in my mind forever. Our successes over the past two years were stellar. The successes are often credited to the leadership, however a crucial key to successful leadership is having talented people to lead. It has been a great honor for me to have been part of the leadership at Niagara. What a vast array of very talented folks you are.

Last year we deployed to the desert for OIF/OEF and set a standard of excellence that was phenomenal. I felt sorry for our replacements, for there was only one way for them to go. Up was not an option. Every obstacle that was presented was readily handled with precision. The luxury of having a second chance did not exist and things were done right the first time. What great things you did. The experiences there were embroiled into the next generation of leadership. The young officers and airman saw excellence in action. The old Chiefs demonstrated why they were Chiefs. My hat is off to the senior NCO's for doing what senior NCO's do, they make it happen, thank you. Our young officers were presented with opportunities that changed them as well. Knowing that the next generation of senior NCO's and Commanders were tempered under fire will ensure the 914th will continue to prosper.

The future is unknown for all of us. The next few years will bring new challenges and opportunity. The unknown can be frightening for most, but being prepared will insure success. Some may hope we luck out, well, luck does not exist. Luck comes to those who are prepared for the opportunities that present themselves. Your strong work ethic will prepare you for the challenges ahead and luck will follow. The Romance of life is when you experience enriching opportunities for the first time. Romance develops you as a person and



changes your life forever. My time here has enriched me, I am forever changed.

The successes we shared are due to your ability to exploit the opportunities and changes presented by being prepared. My hope is that my new position will grant me with a stable of quality folks that I enjoyed at Niagara. What an honor it has been for me to have served with you, I will always consider myself to be from Niagara.



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LtCol. Mounts attaches the Distinguished Flying Cross to the lapel of Curtis' jacket.

MSG CC Honors WWII Vet

LtCol Mounts recently attended a ceremony to honor WWII Vet Orville Curtis Jr.

The 85-year-old received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal in Ithaca. Curtis, a 1st Lt. with the Army Air Corps during WW II, was awarded the medals while serving as a B-24 bomber co-pilot with the 506th Bombardment Sq. of the 8th Air Force in 1945. The Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded for "heroism while participating in aerial flight," and the Air Medal, for "meritorious achievement" during aerial flight, were awarded to Curtis in 1945 but the medals were not presented to him until recently.

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The Hotline will be used for problems, issues, suggestions and or ideas that have a wing-wide impact. All senders will remain anonymous and issues having wing-wide impact will be addressed in Commander's Call or future additions of this paper unless requested otherwise.



Niagara to participate in Fire Prevention Week

by John P. Schultz
Fire Prevention Inspector

This week is the annual observation of Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week, Test Your Smoke Alarms." Now that the UCI inspection and the Air Show are behind us, we can relax a bit and take care of items that have been overlooked in our homes and workplace. We should focus on fall projects and other items of interest as we prepare for the upcoming winter season.

The Fire Prevention office will be conducting fire drills throughout the week; you can expect the usual fire prevention week trivia contest, and we will be giving several tours of the fire station to local grade school children. The trivia contest prizes this year have been "kicked-up a notch" thanks to donations from several organizations on base. We have T-shirts, hats, posters and tickets to local events. We encourage everyone to get to know your fire evacuation procedures and your assembly points.

The Fire Prevention Team will also be visiting as many offices as possible to pass out fire prevention pamphlets/ brochures, and to answer any questions you may have.

For further information, contact the fire prevention office at ext. 2086. Have a Safe and Happy Fall Season!

COOKIE'S CAREER CORNER

By SMSgt. Robert Cook
914th Airlift Wing Career Advisor



This month's article deals with a retirement issues. What do I do when I retire with my SGLI Insurance? I am sure many of you prospective retirees are not sure what your options are. Here are some general information guidelines to follow when you separate or retire from military service. You have 120 days of free coverage of SGLI insurance upon your separation or retirement from military service. Within this time frame you can convert your SGLI to VGLI (Veterans Group Life Insurance). VGLI is a program of post-separation insurance, which provides for the conversion of SGLI to VGLI in 5-year renewable term insurance periods. Members with full-time SGLI coverage are eligible to apply for VGLI upon release from service. To obtain VGLI, an eligible member must submit an application to the Office of Servicemembers Group Life Insurance with the required premium during the 120 days following separation. An application can still be submitted up to one year after SGLI coverage terminates, however, during that period, evidence of good health must be submitted. VGLI is issued in multiples of \$10,000 up to \$250,000, but not for more than the amount of SGLI the member had in force at their time of separation from service. VGLI premiums are based upon the separating member's age. The following website will give you more information on VGLI. www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/VGLI/VGLI.htm

If you don't have access to a computer you can always write to the following address for general information about government insurance:

Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance
290 West Mount Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

The following address is for New VGLI applications:

OSGLI
P O BOX 5000
Millville, New Jersey 08332-9928

Home Depot seeks to enlist spouses of military personnel

Pentagon hopes chain's program aids retention.

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Home Depot is recruiting the spouses of military personnel in the latest hiring initiative between the nation's largest home improvement chain and the government.

Home Depot said it will also hire more veterans, active duty members about to be discharged, National Guard and Reservists.

If a service member is relocated by the military, Home Depot will try to transfer the person's spouse to a store near the new community.

While the company does not guarantee a job in the new location, Home Depot believes the spouse transfer provision will help reduce attrition in the military because service members will be less worried about their spouse's ability to find work. "It's very difficult for military spouses when the person in the military gets moved, the spouse has to uproot," said Dennis Donovan, Home Depot's human resources chief. "In some cases, it's a retention issue." Lt. Col. Joe Richard, a Defense Department spokesman, said "there are significant challenges that military couples face, especially when it comes to employment issues."

Home Depot will not create new jobs specifically for former military personnel and their spouses, but instead tap the roughly 20,000 jobs that will open up this year. Store employees earn \$7 to \$20 hourly depending on experience, a company spokesman said. Full- and part-time employees are eligible for health coverage, but he would not say what percentage the company pays toward employees' coverage.

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The Installation Voting Assistance Officers are:

Primary: Neil E. Nolf, 914th Public Affairs Officer;

Alternate: Patricia A. Jarmuz, 914th Wing Executive Officer.

Voter registration and absentee ballots are available in the public affairs office, extension 2136, or through unit first sergeants.

Air Force Reserve Command selects new command chief

By 1st Lt. Lance Patterson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett will become Air Force Reserve Command's Command Chief Master Sergeant later this year, said AFRC officials Sept. 28.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander, selected Chief Winsett from among 20 nominees for the position. Air Force reservists from all categories – traditional reservists, individual mobilization augmentees, air reserve technicians and Active Guard Reserve members – applied for the command's top enlisted position.

Chief Winsett has been the command chief for 10th Air Force at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, since May 2000. He will be the fourth command chief that AFRC has had since its inception as a major command in 1997 and the 12th person to hold the job in the Air Force Reserve since March 1973.

The position of AFRC command chief master sergeant is a 3-year controlled tour at Robins AFB. The duties involve communicating with the commander on problems, concerns, morale and attitudes of the enlisted force and, in turn, ensuring the commander's policies are known and understood by the enlisted force.

"My concern is for the enlisted force and the utilization of the force," said Chief

Winsett. "I anticipate working hard for the next 36 months ensuring the needs of the enlisted corps are met."

Chief Winsett will succeed Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl D. Adams, who has served as the AFRC Command Chief master Sergeant since February 2001. She was the first African-American woman to hold the

title of command chief on active duty for a major command. Chief Adams is being considered for a position within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. If selected she will report for duty in the Pentagon as early as Dec. 1.

Chief Winsett entered the Air Force Reserve in 1981 after serving initially on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969 with tours in Berlin, Germany, and in the Republic of Vietnam.

His duties in the Air Force Reserve included assignments as an administrative specialist, military personnel flight specialist, group career advisor, First-Sergeant and Command Chief master Sergeant.

He served as the senior enlisted advisor for the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo., before becoming the command chief for 10th Air Force.

In his civilian career, Chief Winsett worked for the Federal Deposit Insurance Co.



and owned a consulting firm. He retired from both occupations, devoting the last three years to full-time service in the Air Force Reserve.

Chief Winsett has lived in Lexana, Kan., since 1989 where he has been a traditional reservist. He is married and the father of one daughter and two sons.

Chief Winsett holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and business and a master of arts degree in business and counseling. (AFRC News Service)



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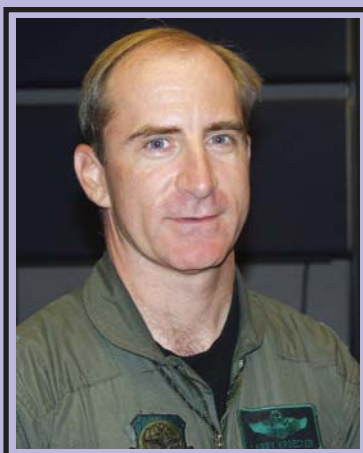
Miss Katie Stubbe

“Question: What was your impression of this years Bosses Day/Airshow?”



SrA Becky Hucknell - 914 ASTS

“I thought the reservists should be able to go on the C-130 flights. The airshow was awesome. Vendors were a little pricy, but other than that everything was great.”



Maj Larry Kroecker - 914 AW

“It was a great outreach to the community. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Most importantly, it was a safe event for the entire weekend.”



TSgt Lisa Sveda - 914 MXS

“Bosses Day is a positive tradition for the employers of reservists to understand our mission and jobs. I was a little upset about the weather for the Airshow, but other than not being able to see the Blue Angels perform I thought it went really well.”



Col Roberts address the 30th Aerial Port Squadron and thanked the port for their efforts in the past year with the real worldwide deployments, members volunteering for IGX's, our UCI in August and most recently our successful Airshow. Following on Major Busch 30 APS Commander talked about getting on the bandwagon for the upcoming IGX late 2005. Col. Roberts mentioned about the 30 or so with experience making up the port team. He asked the squadron to bring their game faces to the IGX and be ready to bring on new members ready to join in. Lastly he thanked them all for the hard work and to continue to strive to be the best.

Hail to the new chiefs!

Photos & story by MSgt. Marty Viggato



SMSgt Richard Anderson from Supply was presented his Chief Stripes from the Mission Support Group Commander, Lt Col Michael Mounts and Command Chief CMSgt Robert Bradley. CMSgt Anderson received his stripes in front of his squadron on 11 September 2004.



SMSgt Leonard Smith from the Aerial Port Squadron was presented his Chief Stripes from Wing Commander, Col James Roberts, 30 APS Commander Maj Busch and Command CMSgt Robert Bradley. Chief Smith received his stripes in front of his squadron on 11 September 2004.





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Your Rights:

- Military leave of absence (up to five years of voluntary service)
- Prompt reinstatement back into your job
- Accumulation of seniority, including pension plan benefits
- Reinstatement of health insurance, regardless of pre-existing conditions
- Training or retraining of job skills, including accommodations for disabled
- Protection against discrimination

Your Responsibilities:

- Before Reporting for Duty: Provide prior notice to employer (preferably in writing)
- ☐ While Performing Duty: Serve under honorable conditions
- ☐ After Release from Duty: Return to work in a timely manner

Reemployment Timetable:

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| Less than 31 days of service | -Report next work day after safe travel home and 8 hours of rest |
| 31-180 days of service | -Apply for reinstatement within 14 days of release from active duty |
| Over 180 days of service | -Apply for reinstatement within 90 days of release from active duty |

How to Resolve an Employment Issue:

- Inform your unit/military chain of command
- Contact ESGR (1-800-336-4590, ncesgr-ombud@osd.mil or www.esgr.org)
- If not resolved, contact the Department of Labor (1-866-4-usa-dol or www.dol.gov)
- May consult a private attorney (at own expense, precludes ESGR assistance)

How to Recognize a Supportive Employer:

- Nominate them for an award from ESGR
- Go to the ESGR web site at: www.esgr.org
- Click on 'Military Members' and then 'Patriot Award'
- Fill out and submit the Patriot Award nomination form right on line!

Other Helpful Web Sites:

- www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve, information on TRICARE coverage
- www.sba.gov/vets, information for small business owners
- www.soc.aascu.org, information for college students
- www.usmilitary.about.com/od/sscra, Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)
- www.militaryonesource.com, on-line counseling, information and resources

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Promotions

To Airman

Frank Coseglia 914 AES

Melissa Poduslo 914 AES

Thomas Bank 914 MXS

Mary McCarty 914

Charloes Durkee II 914 CES

John Russum III 914 CES

Theodore Perger 914 AMXS

To Airman First Class

Carrie Dreibelbis 914 ASTS

James Stark 914 MXS

Guy Travis 914 CES

Traci Weber 914 ASTS

Cynthia Sittig 914 ASTS

Erin Cerne 914 SVS

To Senior Airman

Mark Mayville 914 CS

Maria Benkovics 914 ASTS

Matthew Shea 914 CES

Arthur Teufel III 914 MXS

Darris Thomas 914 SVS

Andrew Lahrs 914 SFS

Clark Maxwell 914 LRS

Krystal Gray 914 ASTS

Julie Fantaske 914 AMXS

Cathleen Hoffman 914 SFS

Eugene Olear 914 AMXS

Kristin Sosnowski 914 CS

Troy Earp 914 CES

Daniel Bullock 914 CS

Justin Long 914 SFS

Angela Greenberg 30 APS

Darryl Faines 914 LRS

Ryan Suitor 328 AS

Krystal Gray 914 ASTS

Michael Sluberski 328 AS

Drew Gugliuzza 914 MXS

Robert Ruggerio II 914 MXS

To Staff Sergeant

Suzanne Boehm 914 AES

Sherry Wurster 30 APS

Joseph Gallagher 914 MXS

Christopher Laufer 914 SFS

Steven Johnson 914 AW

To Technical Sergeant

Douglas Buffone 30 APS

Carol Cevaer 914 MXS

Jennifer Peruzzi 914 MOF

Robert Proulx 914 CES

Robert Sanfilippo 328 AS

Philip Schott 914 AMXS

William Ingwersen 914 AMXS

Paul Landwehr 914 SFS

Letcher Gray III 914 SFS

Daniel Dipasquale 914 AW

Jeffrey Munn 914 CS

Lawrence Blackburn 914 CES

Robert Sumbrum 914 LRS

Jeffrey Walsh 914 MXS

Michael George 914 MXS

To Master Sergeant

Ralph Baker 30 APS

Warren Brady 914 LRS

Joseph Crean 30 APS

Joseph Dellavalle 914 AMXS

Samuel Peterson III 914 CES

David Pollman 914 MXS

Joseph Stroud 30 APS

Michael Laskowski 914 CES

Kurt Schmitt 914 SFS

Timothy Bettinger 914 MOS

Robert Ornat 914 MXS

Michael Zimmerman 328 AS

Terrance Lanning 914 CES

Scott Mueller 30 APS

David Peters 914 AES

Suzanne Leuthe 914 AES

Mark Fogal 914 MXS

Spotlight



Photo By: TSgt. Kevin Nichols

Name: Capt. Joe Janik

Unit: 328th AS

Time in service: 16 years

Civilian Occupation: Airline pilot

Best part of my Reserve job: Working with people who enjoy their work.

Proudest accomplishment: Earning my wings

Most Challenging experience: first night flight into Iraq using NVGs

Ideal vacation: Spend time on a beach with family.

Favorite music: Country.

Favorite sport: Football.

To Senior Master Sergeant

Scott Scharlau 914 OG

Michael Mock 914 OG

William Hendee 914 ASTS

Glen Ignasiak 914 ASTS

Dana Pelletier 30 APS

Stephen Macjolz 30 APS

To Chief Master Sergeant

Richard Anderson 914 LRS

Leonard Smith 30 APS

To 1st Lieutenant

Benjamin Canetti 328 AS

To Major

Mark Crisafulli 914 CS

SERVICES NEWS

Mission Support are CHAMPIONS!!!

Congrats to 914 MSG for winning the Team Building Competition on 14 September. The hard fought battle was led by LTC. Mounts. "It's so much fun being #1", said Liaqat Ali, jump rope champion. **Better luck next year Wing!**

Moseman heads out!

Eric Moseman, former Services employee has recently accepted a position at the COMM/NAV shop in hangar 850. Moseman's career began in 1996 as a desk clerk at Lodging, then worked his way to become assistant manager. Moseman said, "I have had the honor of serving the guests at Lodging, and I am taking away a wealth of experience, and great stories." He then jokes, "You may hear me tell stories over a beer at the Club." Moseman chose to join the unit because the people in it made him feel like part of the 914th family. Moseman intends to stay part of the 914th as long as they will let him or as long as they can handle his humor.

Be a part of the Club

Look out for the Falcon Club's Club Membership Drive! This campaign offers free cash rewards to both existing and new club members. Both new and current members are eligible for club card account credits as well as cash prizes. You can get a chance to win \$3000.00 by just being a club member. The Membership Drive ends on 30 Nov, so sign up today at the Club!



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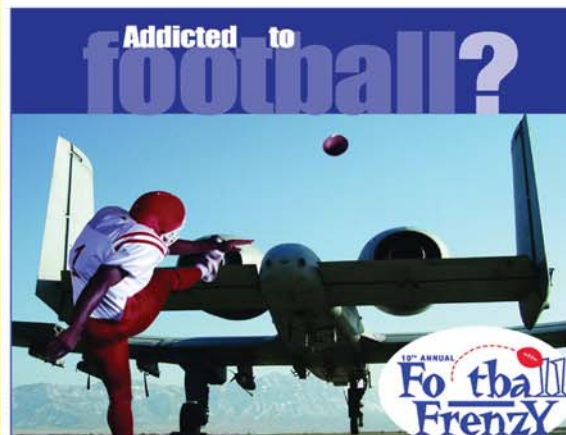
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This is Mike Williams and here is his **Frightening Fun Fitness Fact for Spooktober!**

Trick or Treat? This year, ask for the trick, because treats have sugars, and sugars can cause more than just tooth cavities. Sugar intake can make it difficult to lose weight because of constantly high insulin levels, which causes the body to store excess carbs as fat. Come to the Fitness Center and he can tell you more!



The football season is here and *Football Frenzy* is well into its second month. If you are a club member, you will get a chance to win various football excursion game tickets including the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl! All you need to do is stop by the Falcon Club and fill out an entry blank. In coordination with *Football Frenzy*, the Club is planning many special events to celebrate the football season. Plans include a X-Box Madden Football 2005 tournament. For more information please call the Falcon Club at 236-2027.

Services Star Employee

Cheryl Joseph

How long have you been working for Services? About three months. What do you like most about your job? Talking to the customers. Favorite dish at the Club? I love prime rib. Favorite T.V. show? The Simpsons. What makes for a good fall day? I like long walks or going to the park. Favorite Quote? "Success waits for you but you must open the door." If you can be anywhere right now? Disney World. Life beyond the Club? I am going to school for nursing.

